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SUBJECT: LAO DELEGATION TO THE ESCAP MEETINGS IN BANGKOK

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1. THE LAO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, OUDONE VORATANOUVONG, TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER JANUARY 24 THAT THE LPDR WOULD SEND A DELEGATION TO THE MARCH ESCAP MEETING IN BANGKOK BUT THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION HAD NOT YET BEEN NAMED. HE SAID THAT THE DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE, AND THE PLANNING COMMITTEE. OUDONE NOTED THAT LAST YEAR THE LPDR ESCAP DELEGATION HAD BEEN LED BY DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOUPHAN SITHPASAY. EMBOFF MENTIONED THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG MIGHT ATTEND THE MEETINGS.

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2. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE PRIMARY INTEREST OF THE LAO IN THE ESCAP MEETINGS WILL BE TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT WITH THE THAI AND MEKONG COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES. IN VIEW OF THE LPDR'S COMMUNIST ORIENTATION AND ITS CORRECT BUT COOL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S., IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE

LAO WILL MAKE ANY EXTRA EFFORT TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF
THEIR DELEGATION BECAUSE OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PARTICI-
PATION.
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